

DID YOU KNOW?

Fun Facts about Washington Agriculture



1. The top five agricultural commodities in Washington are apples, milk, potatoes, wheat and cattle.
2. Some 300 crops are produced commercially in Washington.
3. Washington ranks first in the U.S. for production of 10 crops, including apples, sweet cherries, pears, red raspberries and hops.
4. Washington's potato growers have the highest yields per acre in the U.S.
5. Over 250 farmers come to King County to sell at the county's 41 farmers markets, some from as far away as Colville.
6. King County's 1,800 farmers generate \$127 million in sales each year on about 50,000 acres.
7. An acre of land is roughly the size of a football field.
8. More than 20 percent of Washington farms are operated by women.
9. Washington's \$38 billion food and agricultural industry contributes 12 percent to the Evergreen State's economy and employs 160,000 people.
10. Washington produces 78 percent of all hops in the U.S.
11. Apples are a \$1.5 billion crop in the Evergreen State and sell in all 50 states and around the world.
12. Washington is the second-largest producer of premium wines in the U.S.
13. Nearly \$15 billion in food and agricultural products were exported through Washington ports in 2008 – the third largest total in the U.S.

Next time you go to the grocery store, farmers market or your local restaurant, look for Washington grown food to buy. You'll know you are supporting our state's farmers and their employees.

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